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DEATH

DJANGARIAN.—On Wednesday, August 16, 1939, at his home, 461/53 Avenue Joffre, SEBASTIAN IVANOVICH DJANGARIAN, aged 63 years. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 307 Kiaochow Road. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. (New York and Paris papers please copy.)

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"SLOVO", June 21, 1939

ОБЪЯВЛЕНИЕ
Настоящим доводится до всеобщаго сведения, что ДИСКАУНТ СЕВИНГС БАНК С.И. Джамгарян и Я. А. Бахмани (467, Avenue Joffre) реорганизован и в настоящее время носит название Шанхай Кредит Корпорейшен.
С Джамгарян

NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the DISCOUNT SAVINGS BANK S.I. DJAMGARIAN & Ya.A.BACHMANI, 467 Avenue Joffre, has been reorganized as is now known as the Shanghai Credit Corporation.

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REPORT

Date. June 11, 1938.

Subject (in full) BAHMANI, Y. A. - departure from Shanghai.

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Y.A. BAHMANI, Persian, formerly connected with the smuggling of Iranian opium into China - D.7992 - left Shanghai for Japan on June 11, 1938 aboard the s.s. "Shanghai Maru".

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Memorandum on BAHMANI

YACHIA AGA BAHMANI

Bahmani, an Iranian, was born of wealthy parents at ESHCHALAD, Iran, in 1895. In June 1936, he arrived in Shanghai accompanied by his wife, ALLA, and a friend of his father, a Russian born Armenian banker named SEDRAK DJANGARIAN or DJANGAROFF. Bahmani is in possession of Iranian passport No. 4925/425 issued 17.9.34 in Paris and visaed in the same city on 14.5.36 at the Chinese Embassy. DJANGAROFF holds Iranian passport No. 5019/519 issued and visaed in Paris at the same date as Bahmani's.

Bahmani and Djangaroff came to Shanghai following the failure of the Iranian Government to arrange with the Nanking Authorities for the sale of Iranian opium in China, and it is believed that with the idea of selling opium through channels other than official, Bahmani established the "Iranian Trading Co." and the "Discount Savings Bank" at 465 - 467 Avenue Joffre. Both business concerns were originally registered with the Iranian Authorities in Shanghai but on the closing of the Iranian Consulate, Bahmani made an unsuccessful attempt to obtain French protection. Through his lawyer Monsieur d'Auxion de Ruffe, he arranged for a French Citizen, Monsieur George Duclos, to take over a large quantity of shares in the companies and then to apply for registration at the French Consulate. This application was, however, refused and the companies remain unregistered.

With what success Bahmani has followed his trade in opium is not known but he is reported to

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have financed one or two ventures of a doubtful nature and which are believed to have been concerned with the illicit traffic in drugs. In this respect he is mentioned in connection with ^{*}Nicholas Reisini.

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Section 1, Special Br. *Sp/Spn*,

REPORT

Date August 9, 1937.

Subject Bahmani, Djamgarian (Djamgaroff) and Duclos - Discount Savings Bank.

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With reference to the query of the D. C. (Special Branch) appended to Special Branch Report No. 7992, dated 9.7.37, the following information has been obtained:-

The efforts of the Iranian Government to arrange with the Nanking Authorities for the sale of Iranian opium in China having been unsuccessful, it was decided to make an attempt to market the drug through unofficial channels, and it is believed, largely with this object in view, that the Iranian Trading Co., Room 351 Hamilton House, and the "Discount Savings Bank" at Nos. 465-467 Avenue Joffre, were established.

Both concerns, the former in October, 1936, and the latter in February, 1937, were opened by Messrs. Y. A. Bahmani and S.I. Djamgarian alias Djamgaroff, Iranian subjects, and until their Consulate General was closed in March, were registered with the Iranian Authorities in Shanghai.

With the closing of the Iranian Consulate and the departure of Mons. Mir Fendersky for Teheran, Bahmani and Djamgarian, realizing that they lacked protection, looked round for someone enjoying extraterritorial privileges who would invest his capital in their companies and becoming a partner, could rely upon the support of his consulate if legal difficulties presented themselves. They had not to seek far, for with the help of Mons. d'Auxion de Ruffe, their lawyer, they were put in touch with Mons. Georges Duclos, a Frenchman, who had previously acted in the capacity of private secretary to Mons. Wilden, former French Minister to China.

Mons. Duclos was interested and proved agreeable to the scheme. An agreement was drawn up whereby he was to take 50 shares and Bahmani and Djamgarian 25 each in the new company.

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the capital of which was to amount to \$100,000. The fact that Duclos' income was only \$225. per month and that he had little or no capital to invest did not unduly ^cconcern the promoters who were content to vote him his 50 shares providing they could make use of his name and nationality.

Their plans completed they arranged for Mons. d' Auxion de Ruffe to announce the establishment of the company, and to apply to the French Consulate General for registration. It is at this stage that the matter, for the time being, rests.

The following details have been obtained concerning the antecedents of the principals mentioned in the foregoing report:-
Yachia Aga Bahmani, Iranian, was born in 1895 at Eshchaled in Iran. He is the son of a wealthy Iranian financier and was sent, at an early age, to study in Russia. He arrived in Shanghai, accompanied by Djamgarian, on 22.6.36 aboard the s.s. "Conte Verde" from Naples. He is in possession of passport No. 4925/425 issued on 17.9.34 by the Iranian Consulate General in Paris, and visaed on 14.5.36 at the Chinese Embassy in Paris. His wife, Alla Bahmani, was born in 1905 at Revel in Esthonia. She is the holder of an Iranian passport (number unknown) issued on 26.8.35 at Istamboul and visaed on 14.5.36 at the Chinese Embassy in Paris. She left Shanghai on 19.4.37 and travelled via the U.S.S.R. to Europe. The reason for her departure has not been ascertained but it is believed that her destination was Teheran.

Sedrak Djamgarian alias Djamgeroff, born in 1879 in Russia, is believed to be of Armenian origin. His family are reported to have owned at one time, several banking and commercial establishments in Russia but they are said to have lost all



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their money following the Revolution. He accompanied Bahmani, at the invitation of the latter's father who supplied the capital for the Shanghai venture, and who wished to have someone well-acquainted with the intricacies of finance to advise his son. Djamgarian is in possession of Iranian passport 5019/519 issued by the Iranian Consulate-General in Paris and visaed at the Chinese Embassy in Paris on 14.5.36. Bahmani and Djamgarian reside at 83 Rue Delaetie in the French Concession.

Georges Duclos, French citizen, came to Shanghai with the French Minister, Mons. Wilden in 1931. During the latter's sojourn in China, Duclos acted as his private secretary, but when the minister departed, he did not accompany him, remaining in Shanghai. He opened a small import/export business on Avenue Dubail and attempted, without great success, to put through one or two small deals in arms. He subsequently relinquished his business and obtained a post at the Canidrome at a monthly salary of \$225. An ex-service man, this sum is augmented by his military pension. He resides at 1244 Avenue Joffre.

Before concluding it may be as well to make some reference to a rumour circulated by White Russians in Shanghai, to the effect that the "Discount Savings Bank" is a concern financed by and closely allied to Soviet Russia. As a reason for this allegation it is stated that the Bank employs such men as Tretchikoff, Ossipoff and A.A. Petroff; the first is said to be a Soviet sympathiser and the remaining two are both Soviet citizens. Directed against these persons was the pamphlet referred to in Special Branch report No. 7826 dated 10.3.37.

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Section 1, Special Branch

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REPORT

Date March 9, 1937

Subject Anonymous leaflet in Russian concerning a newly established bank in Shanghai.

Made by D. J. I. Ickofsky Forwarded by J. Byrne D. S. I.

attached herewith together with translation I forward a copy of an anonymous leaflet in Russian which is reported to have been distributed by post among Russian residents in Shanghai recently.

The bank referred to in the leaflet is, in all probability, the DISCOUNT-SAVINGS BANK, 125-127 Avenue Joffre (Pearl Apartments), which was established in February, 1937 by Messrs. S. I. Diamerian (Diameroff) and Y. A. Bahmani, Iranian subjects, who are also the owners of the IRANIAN TRADING Co., Merchants and Commission Agents, 351 Hamilton House.

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Translation from Russian

RUSSIANS

A new Persian bank ... for Russian emigrants has been established in Shanghai. Persons pursuing different aims are grouping around this bank. Messrs Petroff and Osipoff, Soviet citizens and former members of the now extinct Thriftco Bank, are the technical directors of the new bank, and the notorious Mr. Tretchikoff holds the post of secretary. The role which the latter individual played during his service with the reds in Harbin and subsequently with the Soviet bank of Pogrebetsky in Tientsin, is known more widely than these gentlemen may think. The above facts point out the strange nature of this Soviet-Persian combination of "assistance" to Russian emigrants.

Taking into consideration that the new bank is strongly recommended to Russian emigrants by such a bird as Chibunovsky, who leads by the ~~reins~~^{nose} the so-called Russian Merchants Association, and that he is assisted by Messrs Tretchikoff and Co. we are entitled to warn Russian emigrants to be cautious towards this bank, as there is no doubt whatever that a campaign has been launched with a view to abstracting their hard earned savings and thus securing economic control over them in the hands of Soviet-Persian combiners.

What surprises us is that a number of persons such as Slobodchikoff, E. Kaufman, and L. Arnoldov, who cannot fail to understand the nature and aims of the Soviet-Persian bank, advertise the enterprise in question without having neither formal nor moral guaranties. They must bear in mind that, if something untoward happens to this bank, they will be morally responsible to local Russian emigrants.

So, be cautious, Russian emigrant, and do
enrich the Soviet-Persian pocket.

Glory to Russia.

A group of Russian patriots.

Русские Люди

В Шанхае открывается новый Персидский банк.....
.....для русских эмигрантов. Вокруг этого банка группируются люди с различными целями. Техническими директорами банка являются, печальной памяти, Петров и Осипов-советские подданные—из Трифткорт банка, а секретарем является пресловутый Третчиков, роль которого у красных в Харбине и затем в советском банковском предприятии Погребёцкого в Тяньзинь, известна болше, чем они думают, что уже указывает на странную Советско-Персидскую комбинацию своеобразной „помощи“ русским эмигрантам.

Если же учесть, что этот новый банк усиленно сватает русским эмигрантам такой гусь, как Чибуновский, водящий на поводу так называемое коммерческое общество, да плюс Третчиков и Ко., то мы в праве предупредить русского эмигранта, чтоб он был осторожнее в отношении этого банка, ибо совершенно неоспоримо идет поход на трудовые сбережения русских эмигрантов и экономической захват эмиграции Советско-Персидскими комбинаторами.

Нас только удивляет, что ряд лиц, которые не могут не отдавать себя отчета в странных задачах Советско-Персидского банка, как например адвокат Слободчиков, Е. Кауфман и Л. Арнольдов могут рекламировать это дело, не имея для этого никакой ни формальной, ни моральной гарантии.

Если с банком случится беда, то указанные лица должны помнить, что они не уйдут не только от моральной, но и формальной не-судебной-ответственности перед русской эмигрантской массой.

И так, русский эмигрант, будь осторожен и небогащай советско-персидский карман. Слава России.

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